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We give no guarantee, express or implied (and none of our representatives is authorised to vary this condition in any way) as to description, quality or productiveness or as to any other matter of any seeds, bulbs or plants we sell, and we are not in any way responsible for them or in respect of the crop or failure of the crop. All quotations are given and orders accepted only on the understanding that these conditions are agreed to.

## POSTAGE AND PACKING.

Send the money with your order for Bulbs and we will pack free and pay the postage (or railage on large parcels) to any address within the Union of South Africa. This applies only to orders of 5/- value and upwards. Smaller orders will be charged 6d. extra for postage. For addresses beyond the Union additional postage must be added according to the postal rates. This paragraph does not apply to Dahlias.

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(incorporating Chas. Ayres)

MAIN ROAD, MOWBRAY and  
12 ADDERLEY STREET, CAPE TOWN.  
NURSERIES, ROSEBANK.

## ALLIUMS.

These thrive in any good garden soil and are splendid for borders, shrubberies, rock gardens or for naturalising in grassland that is not to be cut or mown in summer.

**Neapolitanum.** The best-known variety and very hardy ; loose umbels of white flowers with conspicuous green stamens. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz.

**Violacea** (Carinatum), and

**Sphaerocephalum** (purple crimson). Both these are striking contrast colours for mixing among the above. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz.

**Moly** (Luteum). Bright yellow starry flowers. Stock very limited. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz.

## ANEMONES.

Known as Windflowers, these are natives of mountainous country in Southern Europe. They thrive in rich soil in an open sunny border.

**St. Brigid** (The famous Irish Strain). Colours range from deep crimson to white and also shades of blue and heliotrope ; very hardy and free flowering ; single and semi double.

**Starke's Special Mixture.** First grade large bulbs, in a perfectly blended mixture. Price : **1/9** doz., **12/6** 100.

**Good Mixed.** Equal to the best generally offered by seedsmen. Price : **1/6** doz., **8/6** 100.

**The Governor.** Dazzling red, tall stems, good for cutting ; St. Brigid type. Price : **4d.** each, **2/3** doz., **15/-** 100.

### SINGLE FLOWERED.

**De Caen Mixed.** A well-known French strain of large single poppy-flowered Anemones ; many beautiful colours. Price : **1/-** doz., **6/6** 100.

**Gertrude.** A fine pink. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.

**His Excellency.** Large scarlet. Price : **4d.** each, **1/6** doz., **10/6** 100.

**Mr. Fokker.** Blue, tall stems. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **13/6** 100.

**Sylphide.** Violet. Price : **4d.** each, **2/6** doz., **17/6** 100.

### SEMI-DOUBLE FLOWERED.

**Fulgens Multipetale.** The scarlet Windflower of the Pyrenees ; a dazzling colour. Price : **4d.** each, **1/9** doz., **12/6** 100.

**The Admiral.** Clear violet. Price : **4d.** each, **2/3** doz., **15/-** 100.

### DOUBLE FLOWERED.

**Don Juan.** Blood red. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.

**Queen of the Violets.** Bright violet. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.

**Rosette.** Rose and white. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.

**Surprise.** Carmine. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.



## HYACINTHS.

Hyacinths are among the choicest of flowers. The beautiful waxy and sweetly scented blooms so beautifully arranged on a strong stem make an appeal that cannot be resisted. Their cultivation is not very difficult if acclimatised bulbs are obtained. We would like to emphasise this point about acclimatised bulbs as it is very important. The best results cannot be obtained from newly imported bulbs which have been recently grown in a country where the seasons are exactly the opposite of ours.

Hyacinths like a good sandy loam that is well drained but not subject to drought during their growing period, but they are fairly adaptable to other types of soil also and should give good results under any reasonable garden conditions. They are particularly adapted for growing in bulb bowls but, of course, the bulbs are then of no use for the next season as they will be exhausted.

The "single" varieties are to be preferred to the "double" kinds and we do not offer any of the latter. The smaller flowered Roman Hyacinths, which will also be found in our list, are particularly desirable for artistic arrangement and should not be overlooked.

**Price :** All varieties that are not priced below are 1/- each, 9/- doz., 60/- 100.

**Bismarck.** Deep porcelain blue.

**City of Haarlem.** Bright golden yellow.

**Dr. Lieber.** Pale blue, very fine, one of the best pure blue Hyacinths.

**Garibaldi.** Deep crimson-red, splendid large spike.

**General de Wet.** Soft light pink, large bells on a strong stem, makes a fine spike.

## Hyacinths—continued.

**Gertrude.** Dark pink, large spike.

**Grand Maitre.** Deep porcelain blue, very fine.

**King of the Blues.** Bright dark blue.

**Lady Derby.** Soft blush shaded pink, splendid spike with large bells.

**La Grandesse.** Pure white, long full spike of splendid form.

**La Victoire.** Bright glistening red, a beautiful and brilliant variety.

**L'Innocence.** Pure white, a fine truss with large bells.

**Marconi.** Bright rose-pink ; a handsome spike with bells of great substance.

**Queen of the Pinks.** Lovely pink, large truss and strong stem, very fine.

**Roman (Blue).** Dainty blooms, a delightful colour, gives several spikes from a bulb, splendid cut-flower and fine for Bulb Bowls. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz., 50/- 100.

**Roman (White).** Early Italian, dainty white flowers on tall stems, splendid cut-flower, best for growing in bulb fibre. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 40/- 100.

**Finest Mixture.** We give an excellent assortment including many of the best sorts. Price : 6/- doz., 40/- 100.

## IRISES.

Irises are of greatly diversified types and, although there is a very general resemblance between them so far as the flowers are concerned, in growth they differ widely. They also differ widely in their preferences in regard to soil and soil conditions, so much so that land which will grow one type to perfection may be useless for another.

A common virtue of the Irises is the great beauty of their flowers and, in the case of the kinds most largely cultivated in gardens, their splendid flowering stems make it possible to use them to great advantage for floral decorations.

For practical purposes the Garden Irises are conveniently divided into two groups : Bulbous and Rhizomatous.

### THE BULBOUS IRISES.

This group is conveniently divided into the three types : English, Spanish and Dutch. They all lose their foliage in summer and the bulbs ripen and can be lifted and stored. The English type is so difficult to acclimatise that we have discontinued importing them. They require very moist conditions for success but cannot stand a definitely water-logged condition. The Spanish type requires drier conditions and several varieties, which thrive here, will be found in our list. The Dutch type seems to suit this climate best and we list several of these also. They like a little more moisture than the Spanish type but yet require well drained conditions, more so than the English type.

## BULBOUS IRISES—continued.

- Bronze King** (Spanish). Large orange and bronze, robust growth. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 8/6 100.
- Count of Nassau** (Spanish). The best dark blue, sweetly scented. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 5/- 100.
- Excelsior** (Spanish). Fine ultramarine blue with yellow blotch. Price : 6d. each, 4/6 doz., 30/- 100.
- Huchtenburg** (Dutch). Standards yellowish white, falls yellow with deep yellow blotch. Price : 4d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.
- Imperator** (Dutch). Deep blue, good grower. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 6/6 100.
- Jac. de Wit** (Dutch). Standards deep blue, falls bright clear blue with yellow blotch. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 9/- 100.
- Yellow Queen** (Dutch). Golden yellow, very tall, very largely grown for cut-flower. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 9/- 100.
- Finest Mixture** of Bulbous Irises. Price : 1/6 doz., 8/6 100.



The beautiful Dutch Iris.

## THE RHIZOMATOUS IRISES.

This group is conveniently divided into Bearded or Crested, Beardless and Cushion Irises. The various types require different soil conditions and must be treated according to their preferences if good results are to be obtained. We are offering mainly the Bearded type, also known as Iris Germanica.

### BEARDED IRISES.

The most stately of all the Irises and the most satisfying too, if they get fair treatment, but they must not be put in any odd corner and neglected. The Bearded Irises are in growth throughout the year and for that reason they must be put in a situation that will be favourable to them at all seasons. They like a well-drained soil but it must be moist enough to encourage good growth in our dry summer unless they can be watered sufficiently at that time. Perhaps their requirements are best described as a good garden loam, well drained and fairly warm in winter with sufficient moisture in summer, either natural or artificially supplied. We are listing below some very choice varieties at moderate prices.

**Height :** The height of stems is quoted to give an idea of the possibilities of the variety, but there is no certainty that they will reach that height under all conditions. If you can give them the situation that suits them best and the treatment they like, you will no doubt get it, but Irises will flower on much shorter stems when conditions are not favourable.

**Prices :** Varieties at **2/6** each and upwards are **6d.** less when included in a dozen.

**Ambassador.** Standards greyish blue, falls deep velvety violet with deep yellow at the haft, strong grower, tall stems, a variety of outstanding merit. Price : **1/6** each.

**Amber.** Rich golden yellow with 3 ft. stems. Price : **2/-** each.

**Aphrodite.** Flowers, of a pleasing shade of uniform violet-pink, are not over large but of good strong texture, 5 ft. Price : **3/-** each.

**Corrida.** An even shade of pale blue, fine stems, 3 ft. Price : **1/6** each.

**Duke of Bedford.** Large flowers, rich violet-purple, stems tall and branched, 4 ft. Price : **3/-** each.

**Duke of York.** Large mauvy blue flowers with orange beard on a tall branching stem, 4 ft. Price : **2/6** each.

**Eldorado.** A fine blending of yellowish bronze with heliotrope and violet-purple shades, 2½ ft. Price : **3/-** each.

**Flaming Sword.** Deep golden yellow, falls maroon edged gold, 2½ ft. Price : **2/-** each.

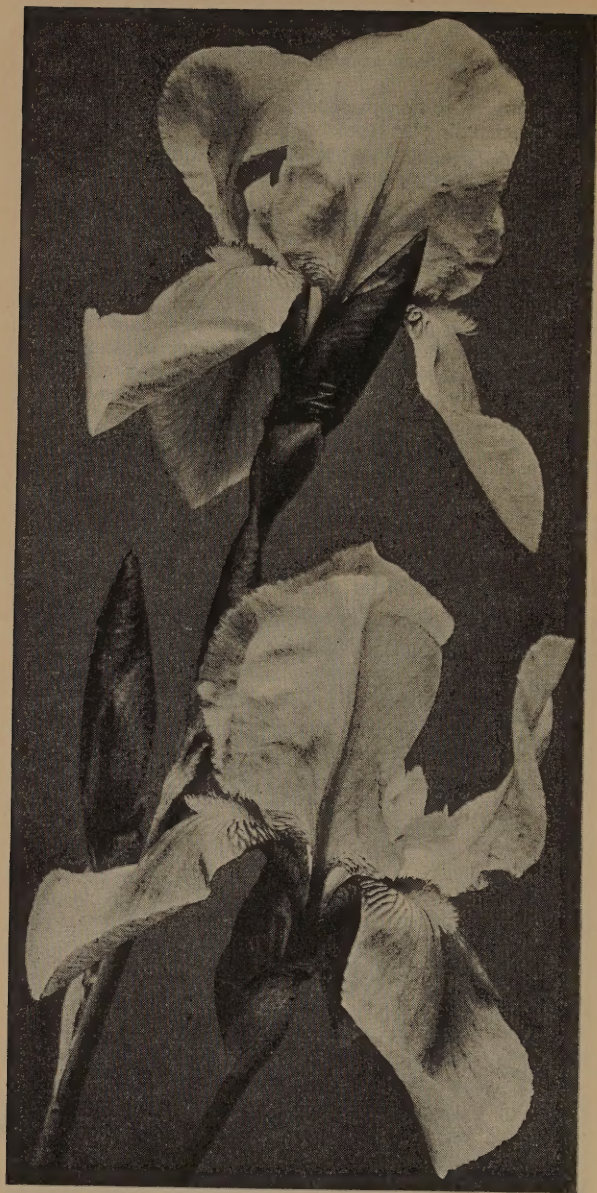
**Florentina.** Large white, sweetly scented. Price : **1/3** each, **9/-** doz.

**Frithjof.** A pale blue and dark blue iris of noble form. Price : **1/6** each.

**Fro.** Deep golden yellow, falls brown-red, edged gold, 2½ ft. Price : **3/-** each.

**Germaine Perthuis.** Bright shade of violet-purple with a faint suggestion of bronze, very sweetly scented, 3½ ft. Price : **3/6** each.

**Kharput.** Violet-purple, extra large flowers, Price : **1/3** each.



The stately Bearded Irises.

### APPRECIATIONS.

- Barborton, 22/1/35.** I saw your Zinnias in bloom next door and took a great fancy to their size and colour.
- Maseru, 23/10/35.** The Roses I got from you are doing very well.
- Humansdorp, 22/10/35.** You must have a magic touch for packing! the plants arrived **perfectly** fresh, in fact it was difficult to believe that they had travelled so far.
- Alexandria, 24/10/35.** I first started buying seeds at your establishment in 1914. . . . There are florists and seedsmen nearer by. It is inconvenient to wait for seeds by post but would rather put up with the inconvenience and be sure of good stuff.
- Ladybrand, O.F.S., 5/11/35.** It is a pleasure to do business with a firm like you who go to so much trouble to satisfy a customer.
- Richmond, C.P., 22/11/35.** I received the Carnation Plants in perfect order to-day. I wish to compliment you on the way of packing.
- Swellendam, 7/12/35.** The Zinnia Plants were received in perfect order and I am very pleased with them.

## BEARDED IRISES—continued.

- Kochi** (Atrovioleacea). Beautiful deep reddish purple. Price : 2/- each.
- Lac Leman.** Lavender standards and violet falls, tall stems, 4 ft. Price : 3/- each.
- Lent A. Williamson.** Standards soft violet, falls deep violet-purple, very rich colour, tall stems, 3 ft. Price : 2/- each.
- Lord Lambourne.** Flowers rose-fawn with bronze, falls deep crimson, tall branched stems, a grand iris, 4 ft. Price : 3/- each.
- Lord of June.** Standards pale blue, falls darker blue, large flowers, sweetly scented. Price : 2/- each.
- Morning Splendour.** Rich deep red-purple tones, a splendid variety of great size and substance, 3½ ft. Price : 3/- each.
- Mrs. H. F. Bowles.** Standards soft brown overlaid gold, falls brilliant red, very fine. Price : 3/6 each.
- Niebelungen.** Olive and purple, free flowering, tall stems, 3 ft. Price : 2/- each.
- Pioneer.** Broad and solid flowers of a lovely bright red-purple, 3½ ft. Price : 3/- each.
- Prosper Laugier.** Deepest velvety crimson and velvety purple, tall stems, 3 ft. Price : 1/6 each.
- Purple King.** Purple-violet, tall stems, 2½ ft. Price : 1/- each.
- Queen Flavia.** Deep golden yellow. Price : 2/- each.
- Rheinnixe.** Standards white, falls deep violet-purple with narrow white edge, strong grower, tall stems, 3 ft. Price : 2/- each.
- Susan Bliss.** Uniform shade of deep rose-pink, carries as many as four open flowers, tall stems, 3½ ft. Price : 2/- each.
- Titan.** A giant among the Irises, large flowers with spreading falls, standards light violet-blue; falls broad, violet-purple; 3 ft. stems, well branched. Price : 2/6 each.
- Zwanenburg.** Standards bronzy, falls old gold with crimson and maroon flakes. Price : 2/- each.

## JAPANESE IRISES.

These belong to the Beardless group being *I. laevigata*, perhaps better known among gardeners as *I. Kaempferi*. They give the largest flowers of all the Irises, sometimes 8 to 10 ins. across, and are very beautiful. They flourish in a very moist peaty loam at the water's edge and it seems useless to attempt growing them unless these conditions can be simulated. They will even stand quite a lot of flooding so long as the foliage remains above water. The banks of streams and the edges of lakes and ponds are the most suitable positions for them.

We offer a fine assortment of these but cannot select to colour.

**Japanese Irises.** In finest mixture. Price : 2/6 each, 25/- doz.



## MONTBRETIAS.

These richly coloured flowers are produced in summer and require much the same cultivation as Gladiolus. They respond to a little feeding of Bone Meal ; keep well watered in dry weather. We offer a fine collection of the celebrated—

### EARLHAM HYBRIDS.

**Fire King.** Fine brilliant red, late flowering. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

**Frans Hals.** Orange-yellow with brown spots, tall. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

**George Davison.** Pure yellow, large flowers, fine branched stems. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

**His Majesty.** Centre clear yellow shading into brilliant crimson-scarlet. Price : 1/3 each, 9/- doz.

**James Coey.** Large rich dark red with pale orange centre; robust grower. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

**Lady Hamilton.** Apricot-orange. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

**Lord Nelson.** Deep orange-scarlet, very effective, Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

## Montbretias—continued.

- Rheingold.** Deep golden yellow, well-opened flower, good texture. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.
- Star of the East.** Beautiful orange flowers of immense size. Price : 1/3 each, 9/- doz.
- Tigridie.** Yellow, centre tinged brown. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.
- Una.** Pale orange with crimson reverse, inner surface with crimson markings at the base. Price : 1/3 each, 9/- doz.
- Vesuvius.** Bright vermilion-red, late flowering. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

## MUSCARI.

### GRAPE HYACINTHS.

These charming dwarf bulbs do well in our climate and are useful for edgings to borders, nooks in the rockery or on the edge of ponds or streams.

- Heavenly Blue.** Clear bright colour. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 7/6 100.
- Armeniacum.** Deep cobalt-blue, large flowers. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 7/6 100.

## RANUNCULUS.

R. Asiaticus, the parent of the garden Ranunculus, is also a native of Southern Europe and requires the same conditions as the Anemone. Always plant the bulbs claws downwards.

The Persian type are not so large or vigorous as the following but are generally considered to have the more delicate colours. The Turban (or Turkish) and French types are very similar, but the former are judged to be the finest.

- Starke's Special Mixture.** A very modern strain comprising the best colours from all types ; perfectly blended. Price : 1/9 doz., 12/6 100.
- Mixed Turban.** A splendid strain of large flowered Ranunculus. Price : 1/9 doz., 12/6 100.
- Mixed French.** A cheaper strain of good average quality. Price : 1/- doz., 6/6 100.
- Alexandre Dumas** (French). Orange-scarlet, large flower. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Emperor of China** (French). Pure yellow. Price : 4d. each, 1/3 doz., 7/6 100.
- Fire Ball** (Persian). Scarlet, large flower. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Grootvorst** (Turban). Soft carmine-red. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Jaune Supreme** (Persian). Golden yellow. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Mahogany** (French). Deep maroon : large flower on a tall stem. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Orange Brilliant** (Persian). Deep yellow, tinged orange, black centre. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Princess Clothilde** (Persian). Pink. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Romano** (Turban). Finest scarlet. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.
- Rosalie** (Turban). Soft Pink. Price : 4d. each, 2/- doz., 13/6 100.
- Seraphique** (Turban). Orange-yellow shaded bronze, Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 17/6 100.

## Ranunculus—continued.

**Thalia** (French). Orange-red. Price : **4d.** each, **1/6** doz., **10/6** 100.

**Turban Orange.** Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.

**Vermilion Brilliant** (French). Vermilion-red. Price : **4d.** each, **1/3** doz., **7/6** 100.

**Veronica** (French). Carmine-red. Price : **4d.** each, **1/3** doz., **7/6** 100.

**Viridiflora** (Turban) Scarlet with greenish centre. Price : **4d.** each, **2/6** doz., **17/6** 100.



Starke's Special Mixed Ranunculus.

## SCILLAS.

These are most valuable for establishing permanently in the grass beneath deciduous trees, or in a shrubbery. A rich sandy soil suits them best.

**Campanulata, Blue King** (The Spanish Blue Bell), Bell-shaped flowers on tall slender scapes. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz.

**Tall Blue.** Very similar to the above ; a fine colour. Price : **6d.** each, **2/-** doz.

**Peruviana** (The Cuban Lily). A native of the Mediterranean region and not of Cuba or Peru ; blue starry flowers in dense broadly conical clusters. Price : **1/-** each, **5/-** doz.

## LILIUMS.

**Note.**—Lilium bulbs are not ready so early as the spring flowering class ; but customers should include them in their general order and we shall reserve them until ready.

These are not the easiest subject for the amateur gardener but are many times worth the little extra trouble required. Their situation should be carefully chosen to provide shelter from excessive midday sun and also from strong winds. They like a loamy soil with an even supply of moisture and are happy with other plants growing closely around them.

**Candidum** (Madonna Lily). A truly elegant bloom, pure white. Price : **1/9** each, **15/-** doz.

**Longiflorum** (White Japanese Lily). Pure White, sweetly scented, a number of large trumpet-shaped flowers carried on a tall stem. Price : **2/-** each, **18/-** doz.

**Regale.** A vigorous grower with sturdy stems, 4 to 5 feet, centre of flower flushed with yellow, shading to white at the outer edges ; outside streaked with brown ; exceedingly beautiful. Price : **1/3** each, **10/6** doz.

**Speciosum Album.** One of the most beautiful Japanese Lilies in cultivation, large open flowers with recurved petals, 2 to 3 feet stems. Price : **2/6** each, **25/-** doz.

**Speciosum Rubrum.** This differs only in colour from the Album variety, having red or purplish suffusions and blotches. Price : **2/-** each, **18/-** doz.

**Tigrinum Sinense** (The beautiful Tiger Lily). Deep orange-red flowers heavily blotched purple, stems 2 to 4 feet. Price : **1/-** each, **6/-** doz., **40/-** 100.

**Umbellatum.** Large heads of orange-red flowers ; very free. Price : **1/3** each, **10/6** doz.

## WATSONIAS.

### NEW HYBRIDS.

To those who know only the native species these new Hybrids will show the surprising results obtained by the plant breeder in the development and improvement of native species.

We offer the following selected varieties with the greatest confidence.

**Adelaide.** Orange-scarlet. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **12/6** 100.

**Melbourne.** As a garden subject or for cut-flowers this is the best of the Cronin Hybrids ; flowers salmon-pink ; medium height. Price : **1/9** doz., **10/6** 100, **75/-** 1,000.

**Pretoria.** Mauvy-pink shading to magenta, large flower, very conspicuous, makes a fine blaze of colour when massed. Price : **1/6** doz., **6/-** 100, **50/-** 1,000.

**Brighton.** Purple. Price : **6d.** each, **3/6** doz., **20/-** 100.

**Sydney.** Mauve suffused pink, petals waved and frilled, tall stems, the last to flower of the spring flowering group ; a feature of this variety is the purple tinge that pervades the field before the buds open owing to the distinctive colour of the spike. Price : **1/6** doz., **8/6** 100, **75/-** 1,000.

**Orange Beauty.** Beautiful deep orange, fine colour, long stemmed. Price : **1/-** each, **7/6** doz.

**Watsonia Hybrids Mixed.** Price : **1/-** doz., **5/-** 100, **40/-** 1,000.

## GLADIOLUS.

No flower is more popular to-day than the Gladiolus and, being of South African origin, it thrives throughout this country. In favoured districts it thrives almost throughout the year if suitable corms can be obtained when required for planting for succession. At our Bulb Farm at Heathfield we have demonstrated that, by using imported corms for early planting and by making the best use of acclimatised corms and again using the newly-imported corms after they have flowered once, it is possible to provide excellent blooms during many months of the year, if suitable growing conditions can be obtained.

### NEW SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED.

We have just landed shipments of both the Garden Hybrids and Primulinus types. These comprise some of the finest and newest varieties available.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT.

This is a splendid time to plant Gladiolus as the cooler autumn weather to come produces flowers of highest quality.

### NATIVE GLADIOLI.

In the section headed "South African Native Bulbs" we are able to offer some of the most rare and beautiful native gladiolus known by common names such as Painted Ladies, Flames, Afrikaners, etc.

### PRICES AND POSTAGE.

**Assorted dozens** will be supplied at the dozen rate but without labels. If you want each one labelled the price will be 1/- per doz. extra.

**Postage:** If you send **cash with order** we will pack free and pay the postage to any address within the Union of South Africa. When cash is not sent these charges will be added to the account.

**You can have four varieties, 250 of each, at the 1,000 rate.**

### GARDEN HYBRIDS.

**The "Rosebank Mixture" of Gladiolus.** An assortment of superior varieties from our grand collection. Price : 2/- doz., 10/6 100 ; 90/- 1,000.

**Abri-cot.** Bright yellow shaded apricot, large spike, strong grower. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 17/6 100, 157/6 1,000.

**Anmut.** Shell pink, early flowering. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.

**Aphrodite.** Bright salmon-rose with lighter centre, large wide-open flowers and tall spike. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 42/6 100.

**Aurora.** An excellent red variety. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100.

**Baron van Wynbergen.** Vivid salmon-rose with carmine blotch. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.

**Berty Snow.** The best lilac yet offered, large flowers of good form. Price : 9d. each, 5/6 doz., 37/6 100.

**Betty Nuthall.** Warm light coral with pale orange throat and a light feathering of carmine. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz., 50/- 100.

**Brunhilde.** Salmon-rose with a very bright carmine blotch. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100.

**Catharina.** A lovely blue shade, lower petals a little deeper blue with brownish red spot. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 17/6 100, 157/6 1,000.

## Gladiolus—continued.

- Charles Dickens.** Bright velvety claret with small darker blotch ; large flower, strong spike, early. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.
- Crimson Glow.** A perfect scarlet of a deep tone, large open flowers. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Dawn.** A long and graceful spike of salmon-pink flowers all open at practically the same time. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **17/6** 100.
- Duchess of York.** Fine blue, very free-flowering and good for decoration. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.
- Early Orange.** Orange scarlet, strong grower, very fine. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Early Sunrise.** Pure salmon with light salmon centre, large flower on strong stem. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Flaming Sword.** A bright red, free-flowering variety of strong growing habit. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **17/6** 100.
- Frau Dr. Hauff.** Glistening scarlet ; very attractive. Price : **8d.** each, **4/6** doz., **32/6** 100.
- Gloriosa.** Brilliant scarlet with a pure white blotch on lower petal, large flowers on tall strong spikes. Price : **9d.** each, **5/6** doz., **37/6** 100.
- Golden Measure.** Beautiful yellow with well-opened flowers ; one of the best of this colour. Price : **8d.** each, **5/6** doz., **37/6** 100.
- Golden West.** Bright orange with small purplish and golden yellow spots on lower petals. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Halley.** Bright orange-rose with a yellowish tint in the throat, produces immense spikes of large blooms. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Impressive.** Clear flesh-pink, tiny white blotch. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.
- Invincible.** Soft rose with carmine blotch. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.
- Karl Volkert.** Salmon pink, very early. Price : **8d.** each, **4/-** doz., **30/-** 100.
- King George V.** Very large crimson flower with a pure white throat, sometimes with eight flowers open on a spike. Price : **1/-** each, **7/6** doz., **50/-** 100.
- Lady Boreel.** Light rose with dark red blotch. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Leviathan.** Pure yellow. Price : **6d.** each, **3/6** doz., **25/-** 100.
- Lilac Wonder.** Pure soft lilac, a beautiful shade, large flowers on slender stems. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.
- Lillie.** A lilac Gladiolus with a white band ; large and strong flowers well placed on the spike. Price : **9d.** each, **6/-** doz., **42/6** 100.
- Lord Nelson.** Clear orange, lower petals shaded yellow. Price : **8d.** each, **4/-** doz., **27/6** 100.
- Los Angeles.** Bright pink. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.
- L'Unique.** Clear red, very attractive. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **17/6** 100.
- Magnificent.** Beautiful mauve-helio, large flowers, strong grower. Price : **9d.** each, **6/-** doz., **42/6** 100.
- Meilust.** Lovely pink with dark pink blotch on lower petal. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **17/6** 100.

## Gladiolus—continued.

**Mrs. H. McClaren.** Golden yellow with darker lower petal. Price : 8d. each, 4/6 doz., 32/6 100.

**Mrs. Leon Douglas.** Lovely begonia-rose striped scarlet ; tall strong stem with several side shoots. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 40/- 100.

**Mrs. van Konijnenburg.** Beautiful shade of soft blue. Price : 8d. each, 4/6 doz., 32/6 100.

**Odin.** Pure salmon, a very beautiful large-flowering variety. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.

**Pink Beauty.** Dark pink with distinct dark red blotch. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.

**Pride of Haarlem.** Rich salmon-cherry-red shaded with fawn. Price : 9d. each, 5/6 doz., 37/6 100.

**Prince of Austria.** Bright orange. Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 22/6 100, 210/- 1,000.

**Prince of Wales.** Beautiful salmon-red shaded silvery white. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100, 135/- 1,000.

**Sweetheart.** Delicate cherry-rose, shaded silvery rose, usually six to eight pips open together, a very beautiful variety. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 21/- 100.

**Thomas Edison.** Salmon-orange, lower petal with darker line. Price : 9d. each, 5/6 doz., 37/6 100.

**Trudel Grotz.** Bright rose with darker spot in the centre. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 28/6 100.



Why not gather Gladiolus by the arm-full from YOUR OWN garden ?

## Gladiolus—continued.

**Vesuvius.** Brilliant red. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100.

**Virginia.** Deep crimson-red. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.

**Yellow Standard.** Large yellow flowers and a strong grower. Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

## PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS.

**Arlon.** Light salmon, red throat, large flower. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Annie Laurie.** Delicate pink overlaid with light rose-pink and with light purplish lines in the throat ; large ruffled blooms. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 42/6 100.

**Arden.** Watermelon red, very delicate ; large flower. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 42/6 100.

**Capella.** Bright orange-red flowers. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Dorothy Wheeler.** Beautiful deep rose-pink, large, strong flower. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 40/- 100.

**Eurydice.** Satin-rose with delicate markings on lower segments. Price : 9d. each, 3/6 doz., 22/6 100.

**Fire Queen.** A splendid bright scarlet primulinus ; very fine. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Golden Drop.** Bell-shaped golden yellow flowers, a most artistic variety. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Jewel.** Delicate salmon-pink with large golden blotch. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Krelage's Favourite.** Bright red, free-flowering. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100, 185/- 1,000.

**Maiden's Blush.** Beautiful delicate pink, stems tall and slender, splendid cut-flower. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 13/6 100, 120/- 1,000.

**Midsummer Dream.** A geranium-red of great beauty, large and well expanded flowers on a tall thin stem ; fine exhibition variety. Price : 9d. each, 5/- doz., 35/- 100.

**Myra.** Salmon flush on yellow ground. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Orange Brilliant.** A most attractive variety, the name amply describes its colour. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100, 185/- 1,000.

**Orange Queen.** Beautiful orange ; large flowers on strong stem. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100.

**Psyche.** Salmon-red. Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 22/6 100.

**Rosaura.** Nearly unicoloured red, small vermilion-red centre. Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

**Salmon Beauty.** Deep salmon with rich salmon-yellow throat. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz., 30/- 100.

**Scarlet Cardinal.** Bright scarlet, very fine. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100, 185/- 1,000.

**Shell Pink.** Shell-pink with beautifully mottled white throat. Price : 1/- each, 8/6 doz., 60/- 100.

**Souvenir.** Yellow. Price : 6d. each, 2/6 doz., 17/6 100.

**Treasure.** Very deep golden yellow shaded orange, tall straight spike, opens well. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 40/- 100.

**White Butterfly.** A pure white primulinus, fine slender stem, a delicate cut-flower. Price : 8d. each, 4/ doz., 30/- 100.

**Xanthia.** Scarlet-orange, brown-red flake. Price 6d. each, 3/- doz., 21/- 100.



## DAFFODILS AND C

This is perhaps the most important group of all the Spring Flowering bulbs. In our winter rainfall area they do particularly well and, owing to the mildness of our climate, they can be planted out early for flowering at a time when flowers are particularly scarce. At the Cape the earliest varieties can be had in flower in June and, by a careful selection of varieties and suitable treatment, it is possible to provide a succession of bloom from that time until September. For this reason they might, with justice, be termed Winter Flowering bulbs under our conditions.

The term Daffodil is mostly used to indicate the large trumpet varieties, but the other types are equally beautiful if not so large and should not be neglected. Their classification has become confused owing to extensive hybridisation, but we give below a list of the types that we are stocking and a few notes about each :—

**Yellow Trumpet** (*N. pseudo-narcissus*). This is the popular Trumpet Daffodil.

**Bicolor Trumpet** (*N. bicolor*). Similar to the above but the perianth is white while the trumpet is usually a lemon yellow.



## OTHER NARCISSI.

**N. Barri.** In place of the trumpet this type has a "cup" of varying size according to variety. There are some very beautiful varieties in this group.

**N. Incomparabilis.** Some varieties of this type approach the trumpet varieties in size. The variety Sir Watkin is typical.

**N. Poetaz.** This group has been aptly named, for it has been derived by hybridization from *N. poeticus* and *N. tazetta*. It has much of the character of the former, which is known as the Poet's or Pheasant's Eye Narcissus, but has the bunch-flowered habit of the latter parent. This is a very useful class. The flowers range from two to a dozen per stem according to variety.

**N. Tazetta.** This is the Polyanthus or Bunch-flowered Narcissus, and perhaps the most useful of this type is the Paper White Narcissus which is so very popular as a cut-flower.

**Jonquils** (*N. odorus*). These give dainty cut-flowers that last well. A recent development is the introduction of some very fine hybrids of the Jonquil and the Large Trumpet Daffodil. Some of these are remarkably fine cut-flowers; they may well be described as miniature trumpets, two or more on a stem.

## Daffodils—continued.

*Cultivation.*—The Daffodils thrive best in good garden loam of a fairly light nature which is well drained but not inclined to suffer drought at any time during their growing period or that can be suitably watered when necessary.

The bulbs are set out fairly early in the autumn, about March at the Cape, and preferably before the rains begin. If there is a little moisture in the ground root formation will begin forthwith and they will be ready to take full advantage of the regular rains that follow.

The depth of planting varies from 2 to 6 inches or more, according to the purpose with which they are grown and the nature of the soil. In loose soil planting will be deeper than in soil of a heavier type. Very deep planting tends to prevent flowering and the formation of a larger and better bulb for flowering the following season.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCLIMATISED BULBS.

With Daffodils this point assumes even a greater importance than with other bulbs because most of the Daffodils simply will not flower from the imported stock and the bulbs are apt to split up and produce a lot of smaller bulbs which in turn fail to flower the second season. Thus it often happens that very little return in the way of flowers is secured before the third season. This leads to great disappointment and discouragement, perhaps to the extent of giving up the growing of them. The obvious remedy is to buy only acclimatised bulbs. We never offer them until they are in suitable condition for flower production.

**The type is indicated against each variety in order to aid you in your selection. The varieties are in alphabetical order.**

### DAFFODIL VARIETIES.

**Admiration** (Poetaz). Yellow with bright orange-scarlet cup, tall. Price : **8d.** each, **4/6** doz., **32/6** 100.

**Alaska** (Yellow Trumpet). Deep golden yellow, very large and early, a very fine variety. Price : **9d.** each, **7/6** doz.

**Alceste** (Incomparabilis). Snow-white perianth with broad short golden yellow trumpet. Price : **9d.** each, **6/-** doz.

**Cervantes** (Bicolor Trumpet). Probably the earliest of all daffodils to flower, but that is its chief recommendation and there are many other varieties that we recommend before it. Price : **4d.** each, **1/3** doz., **7/6** 100.

**Charlemagne** (Yellow Trumpet). Deep golden yellow, one of the largest trumpets, early and free-flowering. Price : **3/-** each.

**Croesus** (Incomparabilis). Large rounded primrose perianth, broad orange-red crown, a very showy variety. Price : **9d.** each, **6/-** doz., **60/-** 100.

**Dawson City** (Yellow Trumpet). Soft uniform clear yellow throughout ; broad perianth and straight long trumpet ; a very fine Daffodil. Price : **1/6** each, **15/-** doz.

**Early Perfection** (Poetaz). White with citron yellow cup, very early. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.

**Early Surprise** (Barri). White with bright red cup, early and free-flowering. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.

## Daffodils—continued.

**Elvira** (Poetaz). Broad white petals and golden yellow cup, 4 to 6 flowers on a stem. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **12/6** 100, **100/-** 1,000.

**EMPEROR** (Yellow Trumpet). This remarkable variety has enjoyed a very long period of popularity which has been richly deserved and the popular price at which we offer it to-day is due, not to any lack of merit, but to the fact that large stocks of very fine bulbs are available. It gives a large flower with brilliant yellow trumpet. Large Round Bulbs : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **12/6** 100, **80/-** 1,000. Double Nosed Bulbs : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100, **120/-** 1,000.

**Firetail** (Barri). Broad creamy white perianth of great substance, brilliant crimson-scarlet cup. Price : **1/-** each, **9/-** doz.

**Fly Wings** (Barri). Perianth lemon yellow, cup a darker shade. This variety is esteemed locally for cut-flower by market growers. Price : **4d.** each, **1/6** doz., **10/-** 100, **80/-** 1,000.

**Gloria Mundi** (Incomparabilis). Clear yellow, fine orange-scarlet crown. We predict a great future for this fine variety. Price **8d.** each, **6/-** doz., **42/6** 100.

**Golden Frilled** (Incomparabilis). Solid golden yellow perianths, large trumpet-shaped cup of slightly deeper colour, strong stems. Price : **1/3** each, **10/-** doz.

**Golden Sceptre** (Jonquil). A fine hybrid with rich golden yellow flowers of good substance, free-flowering and lasts well. Price : **8d.** each, **4/-** doz., **30/-** 100.

**Golden Spur** (Yellow Trumpet). Golden yellow, fine early variety. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100, **120/-** 1,000.

**Grand Primo** (Tazetta). A cluster-flowered narcissus, white with primrose-yellow cup. The flowers of this variety usually find a ready sale on the Johannesburg market, large quantities being sent there from the Cape. Price : **4d.** each, **1/6** doz., **6/-** 100, **50/-** 1,000.

**Grand Soleil d'Or** (Tazetta). Cluster-flowered, yellow with orange cup. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **12/-** 100, **90/-** 1,000.

**Helios** (Incomparabilis). Perianth deep primrose-yellow, cup deep yellow tinged orange, early and robust grower. Price : **1/6** each, **12/6** doz.

**Innocence** (Poetaz). Solid white perianth and broad chrome-yellow eye. Price : **8d.** each, **4/6** doz., **32/6** 100.

**John Evelyn** (Incomparabilis). White perianth of great substance, large open expanded cup, soft apricot, a very large and beautiful flower. Price : **5/-** each.

**Jonquil** (Olorus Regulosus). The Campenel Jonquil, large flowering type, golden yellow, early and free-flowering. Price : **3d.** each, **1/-** doz., **5/-** 100, **40/-** 1,000.

**KING ALFRED** (Yellow Trumpet). Undoubtedly the finest trumpet daffodil in general cultivation to-day, it has wonderful stems and flowers of intense rich gold colour, a great prize-winner and in great demand as florists' cut-flower. Price : **1/-** each, **9/-** doz., **50/-** 100.

## Daffodils—continued.

- Lady Moore** (Barri). Perianth ivory-white, cup yellow edged orange, early and free-flowering. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz.
- Macebearer** (Imcomparabilis). Cream perianth and large yellow cup with orange margin, very fine. Price : 8d. each, 5/- doz.
- Mrs. John Hoog** (Bicolor Trumpet). Trumpet short, broad at mouth, perianth white and of unusually strong texture, tall stems. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz.
- Orange Blossom** (Poetaz). Large white circular flowers with flat orange cup, robust grower. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 40/- 100.
- Paper White** (Tazetta). Pure white, cluster-flowered narcissus, very popular as a cut-flower and large quantities are regularly sent to the Johannesburg market. Large Round Bulbs : 1/- doz., 5/- 100, 40/- 1,000. Double Nosed Bulbs : 1/6 doz., 8/6 100, 70/- 1,000.
- SIR WATKIN** (Incomparabilis). The largest and finest of this type, long stems and a magnificent bloom. Price : 4d. each, 2/6 doz., 15/- 100, 135/- 1,000.
- Snowdrops** (Leucojum). Though not a Narcissus the growth of this is similar and it is conveniently listed here. Pretty white bell-shaped flowers tipped green, six or more on a scape 1 ft. long. Price : 3d. each, 1/- doz., 4/- 100, 30/- 1,000.
- Tresserve** (Yellow Trumpet). Immense canary-yellow trumpet, perianth sulphur-yellow. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz.
- Von Sion**. Double yellow. Price 3d. each, 1/3 doz., 5/- 100, 40/- 1,000.
- Weardale Perfection** (Bicolor Trumpet). Primrose-yellow trumpet, large creamy white perianth, very large flower. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz.
- Will Scarlet** (Incomparabilis). Large fiery orange cup, flowers fairly late. Price : 8d. each, 5/- doz.
- Splendid Mixture**. We supply an excellent assortment from our fine collection. Price : 2/- doz., 12/6 100, 90/- 1,000.

## TULIPS.

The growing of Tulips in South Africa is a matter of some difficulty, owing mainly to the excessive heat of summer, but several growers have been successful with them and this warrants a more extended trial.

Acclimatised bulbs are now available and this greatly reduces the difficulty, for it is almost impossible for anyone to succeed with imported bulbs without previous experience as special facilities are required for their acclimatisation.

With acclimatised bulbs there is a reasonable chance of success. They should be grown in a fairly light loam and should be planted to a good depth, say 6 inches or more. Semi-shade may also prove a great advantage. The results can be very fine indeed. They may also be tried indoors or on the stoep in bulb bowls, but then the bulbs will not be of any use the following year. Ordinary pot culture may also be tried, in a shade house, for instance.

**Darwin Tulips Mixed**. Price : 9d. each, 4/- doz., 25/- 100.



Alstromeria, also known as the Peruvian or Chilean Lily.

## MISCELLANEOUS BULBS.

**Alstromeria.** Beautiful summer growing bulbs ; plant deeply in rich soil in partial shade and keep moist. Splendid for summer rainfall districts. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **12/6** 100.

**Aponogeton Distachyum.** Sweet-scented white flowers during winter, leaves float on the surface of the water. Price : **6d.** each, **2/6** doz., **15/-** 100.

**Dierama Pendulum.** Soft rosy-white funnel-shaped flowers drooping gracefully from threadlike stalks carried on a tall flower stem, a charming plant. Price : **1/-** each, **8/6** doz.

**Galtonia Candicans.** Twenty or more bell-shaped, sweetly scented pure white flowers on a tall stem. Price : **1/-** each, **8/6** doz.

**Haemanthus Coccineus** (Maartblom). Umbels of bright red flowers produced in early autumn before the leaves appear. Price : **1/-** each, **7/6** doz.

**Melasmaerula Graminea.** Pretty little bulbous plant with bright green grasslike foliage and whitish flowers striped with purple. Price : **9d.** each, **7/6** doz.

**Pancratium** (Spider Lily). White. The stamens are attached to a delicate cup-shaped membrane while the long narrow petals dangle below. Price : **9d.** each, **4/-** doz., **25/-** 100.

**Sprekelia formosissima.** A brilliant scarlet Amaryllid of exquisite form and very easy to grow in pots or open ground. Price : **2/-** each, **20/-** doz.

## NATURALISING.

### A Delightful Method of Growing Bulbs in winter-rainfall districts.

This term is hardly known in South Africa, but it implies the planting out of bulbs of various kinds in more or less natural conditions. They may be planted in lawns, when the patches should be defined in some way to avoid damaging the bulbs when the lawn is mown, or in grass near trees, which is rough cleaned without mowing. In many ways bulbs of various kinds can be used to beautify the surroundings of a garden. On farms also the "werf" might be beautified with clumps or scattered patches of beautiful flowers by this simple method. The expense is not great and the result is charming and will last for many years if a suitable choice of varieties for the locality is made.

Daffodils and Narcissi of various kinds are very suitable for naturalising. In Britain Crocuses are largely used in the same way but we have not yet made a success of Crocuses in South Africa, though they should not be difficult. *Colchicum autumnale* (autumn Crocus), for instance, does well here and would be very suitable as it produces its flowers, before the leaves appear, in the early autumn. We also have numerous native bulbs that could be used in the same way to great advantage, such as *Freesias*, *Sparaxis*, *Tritonias*, *Babianas*, *Antholyzas*, *Lachenalias*, etc. Where conditions are suitable *Arums*, *Ixias*, *Nerines*, etc., may also be used.

Among the Native *Gladioli* are many suitable subjects for this purpose, especially where taller stems are desired. *G. alatus* would be specially suitable, for it has a shorter stem and will thrive on heavier soil than most of these.

*Sparaxis grandiflora* makes a wonderful show if used in a large way in grass, giving tall flower stems that make it very conspicuous. In this respect it is superior to the *Freesias*.

The *Babianas* would be most useful on account of the colour and their drought-resisting properties.

*Arums* would be most suitable for damp spots or the banks of streams, *Nerines* for rocky patches, *Lachenalias* for sandy soil, *Ixias* for rough grass where their taller stems would be desirable, and *Antholyza praealta*, for instance, thrives well under the shade of trees, growing to three feet or more in height with bright orange-scarlet flowers. If grown in the full sun the flowers are a deeper red colour.

The planting out of bulbs for naturalising must be done with "studied negligence." It would not do to plant them in rows. They should be in scattered clumps or a wide expanse of irregular formation, according to the effect that is desired. An excellent method is to select the spot for a clump and then take the required number of bulbs and scatter them there, planting afterwards on the spots where they fall. For a wide expanse somewhat irregular broadcasting would be more suitable.

## A SELECTED LIST OF SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVE BULBS.

For a great number of the beautiful flowers in horticulture the world is indebted to South Africa, and this applies particularly to the bulbs. The beauties of many of the following native species are, however, known only to us South Africans who can cultivate them in their natural habitat.

We urge garden lovers to grow the rarer species that are offered below, become familiar with them and teach their fellow countrymen to appreciate and preserve them.

### AGAPANTHUS.

#### African Lily.

Too well known to need description. They thrive with no attention and are splendid for those parts of the garden that 'have to look after themselves.'

**Blue or White.** Price : 1/3 each, 7/6 doz.

**Table Mountain Variety.** A much dwarfer variety that has found a great deal of favour because of its beautiful intense dark blue colour. Having worked up a large stock we are offering these at an exceptionally low price : 1/- each, 4/6 doz., 30/- 100.

### AMARYLLIS.

#### The Belladonna or March Lily.

Like the Agapanthus this grows almost anywhere without attention.

**Belladonna.** Five to ten funnel-shaped flowers of a delicate but variable pink ; very sweetly scented. Price : 1/- each, 5/- doz., 37/6 100.

**Belladonna Rubra Major.** A deep rosy carmine variety of the above. Our stock is limited. Price : 1/3 each, 12/6 doz.

### ANTHOLYZA.

These are very closely related to the native Gladiolus and should not be missed by gardeners who wish to assemble a collection of native flowers.

**Aethiopica.** Bright red and yellow ; thrives in deep sandy soil. Price : 4d. each, 2/6 doz., 12/6 100.

**Nervosa.** Carmine lake, a fine spike of bloom on a reed-like stem. Price : 4d. each, 2/- doz.

**Praealta.** Showy orange-red blooms, well above the foliage. Thrives in shady positions, but the best blooms are produced in the open. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 6/- 100, 50/- 1,000.

## Native Bulbs—continued.

### ARUM LILIES.

*Dracunculus* and *Z. sancta* and *Z. solfaterre* are not natives of this country but are included here for convenience. *Z. Aethiopica* and its close relatives, *Z. angustiloba* and *Z. Elliottiana* thrive in temporary winter swamp conditions, while the others need more even but more moderate moisture.

**Dracunculus Vulgaris.** A remarkable plant producing a large flower resembling a black Arum. The spathe is of a rich deep purple colour. Price : **2/6** each, **25/-** doz.

**Zantedeschia Aethiopica.** The Cape White Arum. Easily grown as it adapts itself to summer or winter rainfall. Price : **9d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.

**Zantedeschia Albo Maculata.** A Transvaal Arum. Pure white with spotted foliage. Price : **2/6** each, **25/-** doz.

**Zantedeschia Angustiloba.** Yellow with dark blotch in spathe. Price : **2/6** each, **25/-** doz.

**Zantedeschia Elliottiana.** A beautiful species having dark green leaves with silvery spots and deep yellow spathe making a very showy flower. Price : **3/6** each, **36/-** doz.

**Zantedeschia Sancta.** The Black Arum ; a native of Palestine. Price : **3/6** each, **36/-** doz.

**Zantedeschia Solfaterre.** No supplies this season.

### BABIANA.

#### Bobbejaantjies.

Beautiful little Cape bulbs which grow about 1 ft. high and flower in the winter and spring ; delicately scented.

**Pink.** Price : **4d.** each, **1/9** doz., **10/6** 100.

**Purple Self.** A striking variety. Price : **4d.** each, **1/9** doz., **10/6** 100, **90/-** 1,000.

**Blue.** Blue and light blue shades. Price : **4d.** each, **1/-** doz., **5/-** 100, **45/-** 1,000.

**Creamy White.** Fine blooms. Price : **4d.** each, **1/3** doz., **7/6** 100, **65/-** 1,000.

**Mixed.** Price : **1/-** doz., **5/-** 100, **45/-** 1,000.

### CYRTANTHUS.

The first of the two varieties is the most admired. They are not difficult to grow.

**Obliquus.** Ten to twelve bright red drooping tubular flowers on a fairly stout stem. Price : **2/-** each, **20/-** doz.

**O'Brieni** or **Parviflorus.** Bright scarlet. Price : **1/6** each, **13/6** doz.

### FREESIA.

A beautiful subject for naturalising in grassy banks and they have the added value of being delicately perfumed.

**Refracta.** The sweetly scented blooms are produced in great profusion. Price : **6d.** doz., **3/6** 100, **27/6** 1,000.

**Refracta Alba.** A pure white variety. Price : **9d.** doz., **4/-** 100, **30/-** 1,000.

**Golden Treasure.** Bright golden yellow. Price : **9d.** each, **5/-** doz., **50/-** 100.

## Native Bulbs—continued.

### GLADIOLUS.

#### NATIVE VARIETIES.

The Garden Hybrids are listed elsewhere.

This as a group we particularly recommend for the attention of flower lovers. Amongst the following varieties are some of the parents of the Garden Hybrids, the development of which commenced at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The Native Gladiolus must be classed amongst the most beautiful of South African wild flowers and their many common names indicate the affection which flower lovers have always had for them.

**G. Alatus.** The "Kalkoentjie." Terra-cotta with green and yellow on the lower segments, flowers fairly large for a native species, sweetly scented, 6 to 12 inches. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 8/6 100.

**G. Aletroides** (Flames). A beautiful winter-flowering species, colour orange-red, variable, does well in cultivation ; splendid cut-flower, lasting well in water ; 18 inches to 2 feet. Price : 4d. each, 2/- doz., 10/6 100, 90/- 1,000.

**G. Blandus** (Type). There are several variations of this species ranging from almost white to deep pink ; all varieties have deep markings on the lower segments. These are commonly known as "Painted Ladies". The "Type" as well as all the varieties is a charming plant for rock gardens ; height 18 ins. Price : 2/- doz., 10/6 100.

**Var. "Carminea."** Height 18 to 30 inches, flowers large and of a pale flesh colour, specially good for cut-flower. Price : 2/- doz., 10/6 100, 90/- 1,000.

**Blue Painted Lady.** Creamy ground with blue suffusion. Price : 9d. each, 5/- doz.

**Cream Painted Lady.** We are not sure that this is a variety of *G. blandus* ; it is not yet identified, resembles *G. cuspidatus* but taller ; colour beautiful rich cream, height up to 2 feet. Price : 2/6 doz., 12/6 100, 100/- 1,000.

**Table Mountain Painted Lady.** A tall and beautiful variety, deep rosy pink, large flower. Price : 2/6 doz., 12/6 100, 100/- 1,000.

**The Vlei Painted Lady.** Grows in marshy situations, colour pale pink with deeper markings on the lower segments, height 18 inches, very hardy. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 7/6 100, 60/- 1,000.

**G. Callistis.** Pale pink with deeper throat markings, flowers large and well placed on the stems, very dainty. Price : 8d. each, 4/- doz.

**G. Carmineus.** This species is peculiar in that the flowers are produced first and the long leaves afterwards ; flowers fairly large for a native species, intense carmine ; height 15 inches. Price : 2/- doz., 10/6 100, 90/- 1,000.

**G. Colvilli Rubra.** A hardy Gladiolus of dwarf type, very suitable for the herbaceous border or for bedding, may be left in the ground from year to year and will thrive without much attention ; flowers red with white markings on lower petals, resembling the "Painted Ladies". Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 5/- 100, 40/- 1,000.

**G. Cuspidatus.** Hardy species with tall spreading flowerhead ; creamy white with green tinge ; excellent for rockeries and wild gardens. Price : 4d. each, 2/- doz., 10/6 100, 90/- 1,000.

## Native Bulbs—continued.

- G. Debilis.** White shaded pink, marked with deep carmine ; a charming spring flowering species with tall reedlike stem, 1 to 1½ feet. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **10/6** 100, **90/-** 1,000.
- G. Gracilis.** A winter-flowering species ; colour blue marked with yellow on the lower segment ; one of the prettiest species ; 1 to 2 feet. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **10/6** 100, **90/-** 1,000.
- G. Hastatus.** A very charming species, blush pink tinted outside with red. Price : **4d.** each, **2/6** doz.
- G. Hirsutus.** Large deep pink blooms, sometimes striped with white, variable, heavily scented. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.
- G. Maculatus.** The Autumn flowering Brown Afrikaner ; the most sweetly scented of all *Gladiolus* flowers, mottled with yellow ; 18 inches to 2 feet. Price : **6d.** each, **3/-** doz., **20/-** 100.
- G. Recurvus.** Commonly known as the Sand Afrikaner, a hardy tall growing species, up to twenty flowers on a stem, colour variable blue with brown markings and yellow throat, sweetly scented, flower May-June, Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **10/6** 100, **90/-** 1,000.
- G. Spathaceus.** The Caledon Blue Bell, a delicate and lovely variety. Price : **1/-** each, **7/6** doz., **45/-** 100.
- G. Tristis.** A large flowered species, several flowers on a delicate stem, often quite tall ; pale yellow mottled with brown ; sweetly scented in the evening. Price : **1/-** each, **7/6** doz.
- G. Villosus.** An early-flowering species of a delicate mauvy-pink shade ; height 15 to 18 inches. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **10/6** 100, **90/-** 1,000.
- G. Vittatus.** A delicate rosy mauve, faintly scented, height about 15 to 18 inches. Price : **4d.** each, **2/-** doz., **10/6** 100.
- G. Watsonius.** Red Afrikaner. There are two species known as Red Afrikaner ; this is the more delicate and rarer species and a very beautiful flower, brilliant red. The stems are thin and wiry and the blooms are thus admirably adapted for artistic arrangement. Price : **1/3** each, **10/-** doz.
- Native Gladiolus Mixed.** For those who have very limited room this affords an opportunity to see some of the many beautiful varieties. Price : **2/-** doz., **10/6** 100, **90/-** 1,000.

## IXIAS.

*Ixias*, *Sparaxis*, *Babianas* and *Tritonias* are all very closely related and thrive very well throughout the winter rainfall area of the Cape Province, but they may also be grown in other districts quite successfully.

- Leucantha.** Mauve. Price : **3/-** doz., **21/-** 100.
- Leucantha.** White. Price : **1/-** doz., **5/-** 100, **40/-** 1,000.
- Lutea.** Tall, clear yellow, fine for vase decoration. Price : **6d.** doz., **2/6** 100, **20/-** 1,000.
- Lutea.** Orange-yellow with red reverse, fine for bedding. Price : **6d.** doz., **2/6** 100, **20/-** 1,000.
- Maculata.** Yellow with black centre. Price : **1/6** doz., **10/6** 100.
- Patens.** Bright pink, a very useful variety for cut-flower. Price : **1/6** doz., **10/6** 100.
- Rosea.** Rose-pink and lighter than *I. patens*. Price : **1/6** doz., **10/6** 100.
- Scariosa.** Mauvy white flowers with yellow throat, very dainty. Price : **6d.** doz., **2/6** 100, **20/-** 1,000.
- Finest Mixed.** Price : **1/6** doz., **10/6** 100.

## Native Bulbs—continued.

### LACHENALIA.

Their natural habitat is in sandy places and they are very much used for pot culture. In addition to the flowers the strikingly mottled leaves are also decorative.

**Aurea.** Golden yellow fading to purple. Price : 6d. each, 4/6 doz., 30/- 100.

**Dark Red.** Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

**Blue.** Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

**Orchioides.** Light yellow and greenish. Price : 6d. each, 2/- doz., 10/6 100, 80/- 1,000.

**Pendula.** Orange-red, tipped with green and purple. Price : 6d. each, 2/- doz., 10/6 100, 80/- 1,000.

**Yellow.** Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

**Purpureo-coerulea.** Dainty pale blue. Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

**Pustulata.** Pale yellowish green, scented. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.

**Tricolor.** Flowers red, yellow and green, stems about 9 inches in height. Price : 6d. each, 2/- doz., 10/6 100.

**Unicolor.** Colour variable. Price : 6d. each, 3/6 doz., 25/- 100.

### NERINE.

This is a famous Cape wild flower. It requires a good soil but must be very well drained. Every garden should have a few of these beautiful plants.

**Alba.** A beautiful and free-flowering white Nerine. Price : 3/6 each.

**Sarniensis.** Bright red, sparkling bloom. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz., 50/- 100.

### ORNITHOGALUM.

#### Chincherinchees.

No collection of "Natives" is complete without these well-known flowers. We have good stocks of *O. lacteum* which is a much sought after variety. They are very easily grown.

**Arabicum.** The shining black ovary surrounded by the yellow anthers and creamy white petals make this a conspicuous flower. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 6/- 100.

**Aureum.** The beautiful yellow Chinkerichee. Price : 1/- each, 7/6 doz.

**Lacteum.** "Darling" Chinkerichee. Gives a nicer bloom than the Cape variety, produced a few weeks later. Price : 6d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100.

**Floravale Special.** Latest flowering and finest of this species, most suitable variety for export, very large bulbs. Price : 9d. each, 6/- doz., 40/- 100.

**Thyrsoides.** "Cape" Chinkerichee. This is the early flowering variety. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 7/6 100.

### SPARAXIS.

Another fine example of the small Cape bulbs. Treat the same as *Ixias*.

**Grandiflora.** A very fine class, mostly in light shades. Price : 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.

**Tricolor.** Beautiful Freesia-like flowers in various colours. Price : 1/9 doz., 12/6 100.

## Native Bulbs—continued.

### TRITONIA.

Of recent years much greater interest has been taken in this family and the two following varieties are without doubt very beautiful.

**Crispa.** Soft cream with red markings, resembles Painted Lady Gladiolus. Price : 6d. each, 1/- doz., 7/- 100.

**Hyalina.** Salmon-pink Tritonia. One of the most beautiful of the Tritonias. Price : 6d. each, 1/9 doz., 10/6 100.

### VALLOTA PURPUREA.

A charming plant sometimes known as the Scarborough Lily. It is an evergreen producing bright scarlet funnel shaped flowers at the top of a fleshy stem, 2 to 3 feet high. Price : 2/6 each.

### WATSONIA.

#### NATIVE SPECIES.

The "New Hybrids" are listed elsewhere.

The beauty of these is too well known to need description. Watsonias have taken their place in horticulture throughout the world and they thrive to perfection in South African gardens.

**W. Coccinea.** Bright crimson. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100.

**W. Humilis.** A beautiful rose-pink of dwarf habit ; a fine subject for a rockery or may be used in a water garden where it will grow taller. Price : 4d. each, 1/- doz., 5/- 100, 40/- 1,000.

**W. Marginata.** A fine species with beautiful delicate pink flowers on a very tall stem. Price : 6d. each, 1/6 doz., 10/6 100, 90/- 1,000.

**W. Meriana.** Narrow-tubed flowers of a delicate crushed strawberry shade. Colour is somewhat variable in this species. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 5/- 100, 40/- 1,000.

**W. Rosea Var. Alba.** Arderne's Watsonia. This is a beautiful white Watsonia introduced into cultivation by the late Mr. H. M. Arderne. Price : 4d. each, 1/6 doz., 7/6 100, 60/- 1,000.

**W. sp. "Muizenberg."** Orange-scarlet, tall grower, late flowering (January) with evergreen foliage. An outstanding variety. Price : 4d. each, 3/- doz., 20/- 100.

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1¼	"	" Cuspidatus	...	...	6
1¼	"	" Gracilis	...	...	6
1	"	Ixia Lutea	...	...	6
1	"	" Scariosa...	...	...	6
1½	"	" Rosea	...	...	9
1¼	"	Lachenalia Pendula...	...	...	6
1¼	"	" Tricolor	...	...	6
1¼	"	" " Luteola	...	...	1 1½
1½	"	Watsonia Coccinea	...	...	9
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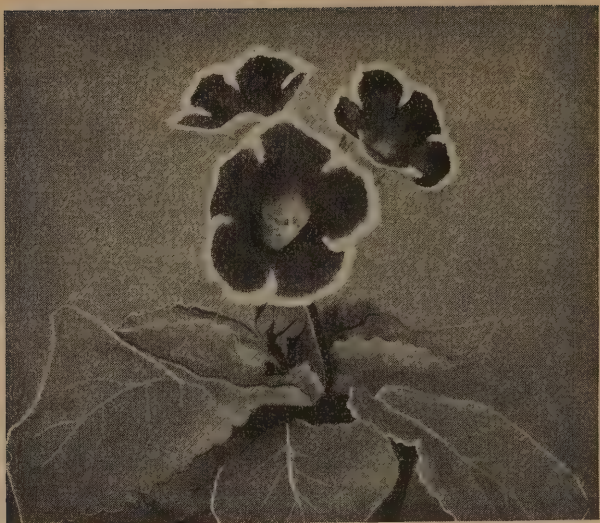
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1½	"	" White	...	...	7 1½
1½	"	" Light Blue	...	...	6
1½	"	Gladiolus Aletroides	...	...	0
1½	"	" Cuspidatus	...	...	0
1½	"	" Gracilis	...	...	0
1½	"	" Villosus	...	...	0
1½	"	" Blandus	...	...	0
1½	"	" Recurvus...	...	...	0
1	"	Ixia Lutea	...	...	6
1½	"	" Rosea	...	...	9
1	"	" Scariosa...	...	...	6
1½	"	Lachenalia Pendula...	...	...	0
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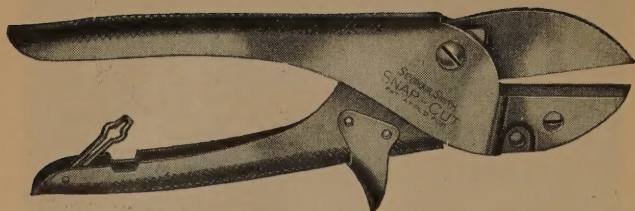
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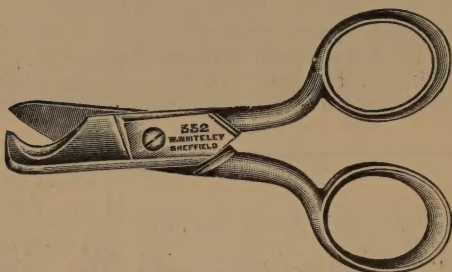
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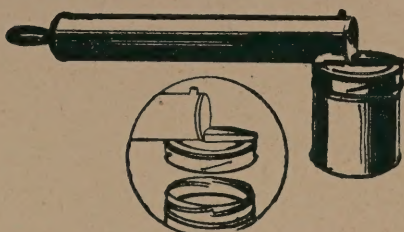
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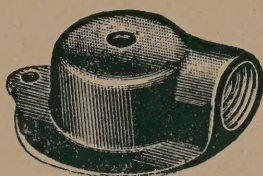
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